

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A sound controller for providing sound control for a plurality of channels, comprising:

means for sound source reproduction, which reproduces sound source information for each channel, in accordance with sequence information controlling a sound source reproducing operation for each channel; and

means for adjusting an output level of the sound source information reproduced by the sound source reproduction means, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation for a displayed image;

wherein an output level of one or more of the plurality channels is adjusted according to a location of a character on the displayed image.

2. (original) The sound controller according to claim 1, wherein the output level adjusting means performs control of output and non-output of the sound source information reproduced by the sound source reproduction means, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation.

3. (original) The sound controller according to claim 1, wherein the sequence information comprises MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) information.

4. (currently amended) A method for controlling sound for a plurality of channels, comprising steps of:

reproducing sound source information for each channel, in accordance with sequence information controlling a sound source reproducing operation for each channel; and

adjusting an output level of the reproduced sound source information, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation for a displayed image;

wherein an output level of one or more of the plurality channels is adjusted according to a location of a character on the displayed image.

5. (original) The method for controlling sound according to claim 4, further comprising a step of:

controlling output and non-output of the reproduced sound source information, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation.

6. (original) The method for controlling sound according to claim 4, further comprising a step of:

reproducing the sound source information of each channel, in accordance with MIDI information acting as the sequence information.

7. (currently amended) A program execution apparatus ~~for executing~~ storing a sound control program to be executed by said apparatus for providing sound control for a plurality of channels, the sound control program comprising:

~~a step of~~ program code means for reproducing sound source information for each channel, in accordance with sequence information controlling a sound source reproducing operation for each channel; and

~~a step of~~ program code means for adjusting an output level of the reproduced source information, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation for a displayed image;
wherein an output level of one or more of the plurality channels is adjusted
according to a location of a character on the displayed image.

8. (currently amended) The program execution apparatus ~~for executing a sound control program according to claim 7,~~ wherein the sound control program further comprises ~~comprising:~~

~~a step of~~ program code means for controlling output and non-output of the reproduced sound source information, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation.

9. (original) The program execution apparatus ~~for executing a sound control program according to claim 7,~~ wherein the sound control program further comprises ~~comprising:~~

~~a step of~~ program code means for reproducing the sound source information for each channel, in accordance with MIDI information acting as the sequence information.

10. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium having recorded therein a sound control program to be executed on a computer providing sound control for a plurality of channels, the sound control program comprising:

~~a step of~~ program code means for reproducing sound source information for each channel, in accordance with sequence information controlling a sound source reproducing operation for each channel; and

~~a step of program code means for~~ adjusting an output level of the reproduced source information, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation for a displayed image;
wherein an output level of one or more of the plurality channels is adjusted
according to a location of a character on the displayed image.

11. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium having recorded therein a sound control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, the sound control program further comprising:

~~a step of program code means for~~ controlling output and non-output of the reproduced sound source information, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation.

12. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium having recorded therein a sound control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, the sound control program further comprising:

~~a step of program code means for~~ reproducing the sound source information for each channel, in accordance with MIDI information acting as the sequence information.

13. (currently amended) A computer program product ~~sound control program~~ to be executed on by a computer providing sound control for a plurality of channels, said computer program product comprising:

~~a step of program code means for~~ reproducing sound source information for each channel, in accordance with sequence information controlling a sound source reproducing operation for each channel; and

~~a step of~~ program code means for adjusting an output level of the reproduced source information, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation for a displayed image;

wherein an output level of one or more of the plurality channels is adjusted according to a location of a character on the displayed image.

14. (currently amended) A sound controller for providing sound control for a plurality of channels, comprising:

a sound source reproduction unit, that reproduces sound source information for each channel, in accordance with sequence information controlling a sound source reproducing operation for each channel; and

an output level adjusting unit, which adjusts a output level of the sound source information reproduced by the sound source reproduction unit, minimally responsive to a scene or a situation for a displayed image;

wherein an output level of one or more of the plurality channels is adjusted according to a location of a character on the displayed image.